



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Case No. 03-796)

In re Application of:)
Frank et al.)
Serial No.: 10/656,048) Group Art Unit: 2121
Filed: September 4, 2003) Examiner: Not yet Assigned
For: Method and Apparatus for Controlling a) Confirmation No. 8957
Signal Control Port)

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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In regard to the above-identified patent application:

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Dear Sir:

Applicants respectfully request an indication of the status of the above-referenced application. This application was filed on September 4, 2003. However, to date, Applicants have not received an Office Action. Applicants would gratefully appreciate receiving a written communication indicating when they may expect to receive a first Office Action for this application.

Respectfully Submitted,

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